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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Gen. Gourley to speak at AFA event

Brig. Gen. Craig Gourley, a long-serving distinguished former 301st Fighter Wing member and mobilization assistant to the Director, Operational Plans and Joint Matters, will speak at an Air Force Association event at the Spring Creek BBQ in Lake Worth May 3 at 6 p.m.

Call Master Sgt. Ross Wood, 817.782.3849, to reserve your seats now.

### AEF information available on vMPF

Air Expeditionary Force information for all Air Force members is available on the vMPF. The info available includes current AEF, AEF Rotation Period (normal timeframe of deployment), and the date your commander assigned you to this AEF. Call your Unit Deployment Manager for more details.

### Safety issues rises with APEX jacket

Due caution must be taken to prevent personal injury while wearing the new APEX jacket. Always consider removing the vent zipper cord to eliminate the potential for injury. Don't be rushed into an accident.

### Remember...

May's "B" UTA is from May 17-18.



### Wings over Texas

A B-1 Bomber from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, flies overhead as nearly 50 Air Force Reserve and Guard members assist in revealing the 300-foot American flag during the Texas Ranger's Opening Day festivities. Many of the Reservists are stationed at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Carswell Field, Texas with the 301st Fighter Wing. (Courtesy Photo)

## Air Force Reserve highlights birthday, future

### Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley

Air Force Reserve  
Command Commander

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)**—The Air Force Reserve was formally established April 14, 1948, and Air Force reservists have served proudly and with great distinction ever since. It is 60 years old!

And today, responding to a variety of threats to our national security and fighting a global war on terrorism, we serve with the same courage, commitment and confidence that defined us

in our first years.

Sixty years ago, President Harry Truman envisioned a reserve program similar to one in World War I, where reservists stood ready as replacements during a wartime mobilization.

As we reflect on our esteemed heritage, we must never forget the visionary leaders who shaped the fledgling Air Force Reserve. Generals George Stratemeyer, Elwood Quesada, Jimmy Doolittle and Tom Marchbanks were among the first to vector the course for a ready and relevant Air Force Reserve.

Equally, on this occasion, we honor our Air Force reservists who served during Korea and Vietnam and during a multitude of crises and contingencies.

The Total Force Policy of 1973 laid the foundation for organizing and equipping our Air Force Reserve to augment, associate and partner with the active-duty Air Force.

Our contributions during and since the Persian Gulf War demonstrate that we are

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# 301st Civil Engineer Squadron commander prepares to deploy with United States Army



Lt. Col. Ted Luke mans the guns during a 2005 deployment to Iraq. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

## Lt. Col. Ted Luke 301st Civil Engineer Squadron Commander

It's an honor to have been selected to command the 301st Civil Engineer Squadron. This squadron has a sustained history of excellence in Prime BEEF (Base Engineer Emergency Force). I was due to assume command of the 301st CES this UTA, however, I am deploying to Iraq with the 810th Civil Engineer Flight on a specialized mission in support of the U.S. Army. The Army has requested Air Force engineers to supplement their ranks on taskings throughout Southwest Asia.

Air Force Reserve engineers are well known in the joint forces community for their superior engineering knowledge and experience. AF Reserve CE Prime BEEF teams bring years of experience which cannot be

found in the active duty military. The other services are always glad to see us when we arrive. Many of our engineers are professionally registered and our Prime BEEF teams have experienced journeymen and craftsmen who are the best in the business at their respective trades.

Since the start of Operations IRAQI and ENDURING FREEDOM, Air Force engineers have been fulfilling requirements by augmenting the Army in various capacities. These Army engineer requirements have been translated into our Air Force Specialty Codes so Air Force members can fill these taskings "in-lieu-of" (ILO) the Army. Some of the most common ILO Army teams are Facility Engineer Team (FET), Facility Engineer Detachment (FED) and Utility Detachment. Other Air Force specialties, Security Forces and Transportation, have been called to ILO

Army missions.

Working within the Army is a great experience, you have to be able to adapt to their culture and method of mission accomplishment. Once you do you become an integral part of the team.

I deploy with prior joint experience working with the U.S. Army. I was an Air Liaison Officer in a Tactical Air Control party for several years before coming to the CE career field. I advised Army commanders in the battlefield on the use of Close Air Support (CAS). I enjoyed the mission and the opportunity to support the Army and their mission objectives with airpower.

I was called on again to support the U.S. Army in 2005 on an ILO Army engineering tasking in Iraq. I was assigned to an Army Facility Engineer team at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, to support U.S. Marine operations.

Our mission was base master planning and development. It was the best place to be — Air Force Reserve supporting the Army who was tasked to provide support to the Marines — a true joint mission.

The 301st CES also had a small presence on this deployment. Senior Master Sgt. Darlies Howard, 301st CES engineering section NCOIC, deployed with our team. I was immediately impressed with this sergeant and her engineering abilities. She is a true professional senior NCO and very

typical of the dedicated men and women of the 301st CES.

I look forward to commanding the 301st Civil Engineer Squadron. I have met many of the unit's members and have seen a wealth of prior military experience from all branches of the armed forces. This adds value to our engineering squadron and the Air Force.

I've been impressed with the level of dedication of the 301st CES men and women. This unit was recognized as the Air Force Reserve Command's Best Civil Engineer Squadron of the Year for 2005.

I'm currently assigned to the 810th Civil Engineer Flight based here at Naval Air Station Carswell Field, Texas. The 810th CEF is a unit of highly experienced Prime BEEF engineers who specialize in staff augmentation missions and an outstanding unit, the best Prime BEEF staff augmentation team in the business.

One of the best aspects about this deployment is the opportunity to lead the young men and women of our armed forces and to witness their level of dedication and devotion to duty in accomplishing any mission — it is inspiring! I will assume command of the 301st Civil Engineer Squadron upon my return from this ILO Army deployment. The 301st CES will be commanded by Capt. Bill Wilkinson in my absence.

## FIGHTER LINE

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# Thousands flock to commissary in its return to Fort Worth

**Kevin L. Robinson**  
Defense Commissary  
Agency

Thousands of customers streamed through the commissary here during its first week of operation, reinforcing the military's decision to return the benefit to North Texas.

"This is the first Defense Commissary Agency store to open on a joint services base," said Rick Page, acting director, during the store's grand opening ceremony on March 25.

"And, this is the first commissary dedicated to serve Guard and Reserve members and their families."

The opening of the Fort Worth commissary for a customer base of mostly Guard and Reserve members and their families is part of a DeCA initiative to expand the benefit to them wherever they are.

During its first week, the Fort



Customers check out the grand opening day specials at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth Carswell Field Commissary on March 25. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

Worth Commissary served nearly 12,000 customers, generating almost \$900,000 in sales.

Store Director Sam Tresenriter said the commissary has just started to "scratch the surface" of its customer base of 150,000 authorized shoppers.

"So many customers

expressed their pleasure that DeCA was back," he said, "many were almost teary-eyed."

"It's about time [for a commissary to return here] because we do need good prices," said Jessie Ruiz, 65-year-old military spouse of a retired Air Force noncommissioned officer.

She drove about 20 miles to get to the base.

"Our paychecks aren't getting any bigger and buying groceries can be very expensive."

In welcoming DeCA back to Fort Worth, Navy Capt. Ian McIntyre, (now former) installation commander, said the Fort Worth Commissary "is a huge quality of life benefit that will be enjoyed for a long time by all patrons." McIntyre also thanked the Army and Air Force Exchange Service for the many years it operated a BX-Mart there.

DeCA last sold groceries in the Fort Worth area in 1993, on Carswell Air Force Base before it was closed as part of base realignment and closure. Eventually, the Carswell site was renamed Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth Carswell Field.

AAFES operated the facility

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## Memorial Day: a day to remember



*from the First Sergeant's desk*

**Senior Master Sgt. Steven Baker**

301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron First Sergeant

The month of May brings a slew of holidays. There is Mothers Day, Mother Goose Day, Cinco de Mayo, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day; to name a few. All these holidays deserve recognition, each in their own right, but Memorial Day brings with it a lot of memories and emotions. Memorial Day is a day to honor those military personnel who have given their lives in the name of freedom.

Our country is indebted to our fallen heroes, as well as all in the uniformed services. As we wear the uniform, we represent those who have fought and fallen. Remembering those who provided the ultimate sacrifice and fought to ensure our country can continue to progress with freedom and democracy, appears to have lost its zeal.

While our military are losing their lives across the globe, now is the time to be humbled and remember what sacrifices are being made and remember that freedom is not free. Wearing the armed

forces uniform means more than just serving your country; it represents the history of a country that continues to fight for those who cannot always fight for themselves, those who are oppressed, or in need of a mightier ally.

The events of 9/11 brought our nation together and reestablished the bonding of the American people. The nation once again supported the military and believed in the missions the military carried out. That support and bond is fading. We, as military members, need to remind our friends and family of the importance of our jobs and the importance of always honoring those who have fallen for us.

I had the opportunity recently to visit the war memorials in Washington, D.C. These memorials will carve a special place in one's heart for all our veterans who have lead and died before us. The memorials are an ominous sight and, to be in the presence of the history they honor and to feel the emotions that they personify, has embedded a deep internal memory of gratitude in me.

Make a special effort to remember our fallen heroes this Memorial Day and reflect on what makes us proud — our country and those who have fought to preserve our democracy. Fly our flag, march in our parades, spend time with those who are dear to you, and remember those who have sacrificed and died for our rights and freedom.



# Cowtown reservists working together bring a cadet home as a captain



As a college student in the late '90s and a member of AFROTC Det. 845 at Texas Christian University, then Cadet Travis Hatley (left) was one of many cadets who accompanied the 301st Civil Engineer Squadron on a four-day bivouac to Holloman AFB, N.M. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

## Tech. Sgt. Kristin Mack

### Public Affairs

When two individuals collaborated during a group training exercise in the fall of 1998, they never imagined the impact their collaboration would have on one single participant; a desire to later return to the 301st Fighter Wing as a member.

But after almost a decade, this former Texas Christian University Reserve Officer Training Course cadet now works just blocks away from some of the greatest mentors in his military career.

Capt. Travis Hatley, 301st Aerial Port Squadron, became a 301st Fighter Wing member in October 2007, after seven years active duty following his ROTC commission. This is the first time he has seen the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas since his training as an ROTC cadet.

A large part of that training involved participation in a bivouac. This was a collaborative training event held at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., primarily involving civil engineers and the 301st Medical Squadron.

Coincidentally, Col. Robert Kelsey, now the 701st Medical Squadron commander, was doing volunteer work in 1998 through the

TCU ROTC. He was a TCU graduate and enjoyed being involved and spending time with this ROTC unit. He acted as the Arnold Air Society Advisor to the ROTC and Assistant Chief Nurse to the 301st Medical Squadron.

"It was very entertaining for me to go down and help them," said Colonel Kelsey. "We met for one hour every week."

"As the fall drew near, there were plans for a bivouac. The 301st Medical Squadron supported CE during this combined four-day Unit Training Assembly with nursing services requested to teach Self-Aid Buddy Care.

"We thought it would be a good idea to invite the cadets," said Colonel Kelsey. "This would give them an idea of what the Reserve does and we could always use their help at this event."

In order for the medical staff to teach self-aid buddy care, they needed to employ the cadets as casualties. CE got the cadets to do their job in perimeter defense and SABC. This helped enhance CE's training because they were able to do more training since they weren't involved in the SABC.

"It was funny seeing these old crusty Master Sergeants teaching these young

university students about how to run a rode grader," said Colonel Kelsey.

"My expectations (of the bivouac) were low going into it," said Captain Hatley. "I knew we were helping CE and security forces do their training and we were told what we would do.

"Being in college, I thought it was cool. I thought it was really awesome to go on a C-130 and dress up like we had been shot up. We went with cops and rode around on four-wheelers; went with CE, they taught us how to use heavy equipment; we graded roads, dumped gravel and spread it out. I thought it was awesome. That was my first exposure of a Reserve squadron."

These two worlds collided in January at the 301st Fighter Wing's Annual Awards banquet. The new 301st Fighter Wing captain spotted Colonel Kelsey and greeted him upon recognition.

"I came up to him and said you probably don't remember me but I was a cadet on that bivouac," said Captain Hatley. "It impressed me so much that when I was commissioned and completed my active-duty time, I decided to come back here as a full-time Reservist ... a lot of it had to do with you taking me on that bivouac."

When the military drawdowns began in 2006, the captain had to make a decision; either voluntarily leave the service and come in the Reserve or possibly be forced out of the service due to manning requirements.

"Looking back on my experience here ultimately made a big impact on my decision to come off active duty and into the Reserve," said Captain Kelsey.

He found a way to transfer to the Reserve under the Palace Front program. This program allows you to perform twice your active-duty commitment in the Reserve to complete your military obligation.

After he decided to transfer to the Reserve, he made some calls and spoke with Lt. Col. Lee Jones, 301st Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, who offered him an interview. He drove from Maxwell AFB, Ala., in November 2006, was interviewed and immediately hired.

"I'm now managing programs and people; that is what I enjoy the most and love about the Air Force," said Captain Hatley. "I'm grateful for the people who helped me get here."



## Military revs up campaign against tobacco

**LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN)** — Military officials here boosted its efforts to campaign against the use of tobacco by providing a number of strategies recently.

Quitting for other people is the focal part of the campaign, which urges tobacco users to consider dropping the habit for loved ones.

The expense of taxpayers is also a focus point for the campaign. Every year the Department of Defense spends approximately \$1.6 billion in additional medical care due to the harmful affects of tobacco. The Air Force alone spends about \$115 million annually.

Each year the Air Force loses the equivalent of an estimated 3,000 people's worth of work because of tobacco use, said Col. Kenneth Knight, the Air Combat Command chief of the Aerospace Medicine Division.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley is in newspaper and television ads promoting the Web site [youcanquit2.org](http://youcanquit2.org). The DOD site uses visual methods to attract young adults who use tobacco. Unique features of the site include live online counselors who offer free support to quit, a calculator to prove how much tobacco costs over time, and games as an alternative to smoke breaks. Some examples of games include Texas Hold 'Em and a word game similar to hangman.

Education is a third focal point of the campaign. The harmful affects from tobacco has been well documented over the years, and officials at health and wellness centers at Air Force bases are available to discuss them.

## More civilian providers accepting Tricare Standard

**FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFPN)** — There's good news for Tricare Standard beneficiaries. More civilian providers are accepting new patients, according to a recently released survey. Yet, Tricare officials acknowledge that increasing the number of providers and types of providers across the nation remains a high priority, espe-

cially in remote areas.

The findings, part of the Department of Defense Survey of Civilian Physician Acceptance of Tricare Standard, show that in fiscal 2007, almost 93 percent of responding physicians in 53 hospital service areas were aware of the Tricare program, with 84 percent of physicians in those 53 HSAs accepting new Tricare Standard patients.

The aggregate results show that civilian provider awareness and acceptance is generally high, but may vary depending on location. In addition, the survey revealed a need for increasing both Tricare awareness and acceptance among psychiatrists, a specialty critical in meeting the behavioral health needs of veterans of the war on terrorism.

While active duty service members receive the bulk of their medical care at one of the more than 500 military treatment facilities, family members, National Guard and Reserve members, and retirees often rely on civilian physicians for their health care needs.

States showing a need to increase acceptance and awareness of Tricare include Alaska, Maryland, Colorado, Hawaii, Oklahoma, New York, New Jersey and Texas. Hospital service areas with lower than average Tricare acceptance include Washington, D.C.; Raleigh, N.C.; Seattle and Olympia, Wash.; Lihue/Kealahou/Wailuku, Hawaii; Dallas, Texas; and Falls Church, Va.

Tricare officials, with support from their managed care support contractors, are working to overcome these challenges.

## Reserve tests activation process

**DENVER** — Air Force bases around the United States will undoubtedly see quite a few unfamiliar faces this year as groups of "civilians" gather for an Individual Ready Reserve muster.

Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., held the first of 25 musters April 12.

The Air Reserve Personnel Center here coordinates IRR musters, which are required by law, to enhance readiness and ensure the Air Force can "reach out and touch" the IRR population when necessary. The IRR is a manpower resource primarily com-

prised of Airmen who have previously served in the active component, the Air National Guard or the Air Force Reserve and still have a military service or other contractual obligation.

These musters provide the overall structure to gather and maintain IRR member contact and physical condition information, thereby increasing efficiency of the activation process for total or full mobilization.

Annually, ARPC orders IRR Airmen to report to locations, usually within 150 miles of their residence. Upon arrival, their records are updated, and they receive a basic medical screening and several entitlements briefings. The Airmen are compensated for their participation.

These musters are a routine process to allow ARPC officials to look at the recall process; musters do not initiate activation. The Air Force has not activated the IRR since Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

The remaining musters this year *do not* include the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth Carswell Field. A total of about 7,000 Airmen were initially selected to attend one of the musters. (AFRC News)

## Training delivered anywhere, any time

The Advanced Distributed Learning Initiative, ADL for short, has grown by leaps and bounds since defense planners proposed the concept in the 1997 Quadrennial Defense Review.

Officials in the military services have long used the Internet to deliver individual training and education to their members. They developed electronic courseware that troops could access regardless of where they happened to be in the world or the hour of the day.

The conversion offered other payoffs, too, he said. The course can now accommodate 14,000 to 15,000 students a year, not the previous 3,000. And it's cheaper for the Defense Department to maintain the course — \$1.5 million a year vs. \$6 million for traditional training.

The effort is winning acclaim beyond the Defense Department. Other countries and government agencies are adopting SCORM standards for their online coursework.



# Space available travel changes for family members

**Tech. Sgt. Amy Williams**  
73rd Aerial Port Squadron

A new space available travel policy was released from the Assistant Under Secretary Of Defense for Transportation Policy (AUSD/TP). Family member of active duty, Guard, and Reserve members, deployed 120 days or more consecutive days, are now authorized to fly Space-A unaccompanied in category IV. This includes Navy members assigned to a deployed ship with permanent change of station orders.

Space-A travel is authorized to and from the continental United States (CONUS) and overseas (OCONUS) locations, between the CONUS locations, and within and between OCONUS theaters. All travel will be on a noninterference and nonreimbursable basis.

Eligible family members may sign-up for Space-A travel no earlier than 10 days prior to the military member's deployment. In addition, dependents are eligible to begin travel effective on the first day of the military member's deployment. Space-A

travel must be completed by the last day of the military member's deployment.

Eligible family members must present to the air terminal personnel, a verification letter, signed by the military sponsor's commander verifying the member's deployment. The documentation must be in the family members' possession during travel. Furthermore, commanders, or designated representatives, should inform the family members of the following:

"Space-A travel program is a

privilege, not an entitlement.

The military does not guarantee transportation to the final destination or return travel.

The military is not responsible for providing lodging, ground transportation, meals or other incidental expenses incurred during space-a travel if flights are delayed, diverted or canceled."

This authorization is valid for the duration of the deployment period of the military member. Until AMCI 24-101, Vol. 14 is updated, use the AUSD/TP memo dated Dec. 6, 2007, which has full details as a sample letter.

## Identification cards appointment system enters change

The Navy's Visitor Control Center identification department is implementing an appointment system for Common Access Card issuance and maintenance, including PIN reset and certificate updates. This applies to active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian personnel.

To schedule an appointment, you must go to <https://es.cac.navy.mil> and select FORT WORTH JRB (Pass & ID). Click on "Make Appointment", then enter your search criteria in the date block and click on "search". The Web site will show the soonest available appointment. Once you have selected your desired appointment time, enter the required information in the blocks provided and select "SIGN-UP". CAC services will not be conducted without an appointment.

All other cards such as retiree ID cards and dependent ID cards (with sponsor signature) can be accomplished at the VCC Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with no appointment needed. CAC card assistance for 301st Fighter Wing members is available from Monday through



Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the wing's Unit Training Assembly. Family members ID cards (with sponsor signature) are available from Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Customer service would like to remind everyone that the RAPIDS upgraded PIV system takes 20 minutes per card and the office

is limited to one computer system to accomplish all CAC cards. *Special note:* during UTAs, Saturday afternoon focus is on newcomers who require an ID for base entry.

RAPIDS office locator: ID card offices can be located by visiting <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home>. There are six offices available to the military and their family member in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

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as a BX-Mart, selling groceries to military customers, from 1993 until DeCA's recent conversion of the facility into a fully operating commissary.

"There is no question that the Guard and Reserve play a critical role defending our nation," Page

said. "America relies on both its active-duty and its Reserve forces to preserve and protect our freedoms. Rightfully, the commissary benefit is extended equally."

**About DeCA:** The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military members, retirees and their

families in a safe and secure shopping environment.

Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a five percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices—savings worth

about \$3,000 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.



## ROTC positions open to awaiting Reserve, guard retirees

Air Force Junior ROTC is now able to hire Traditional Guardsmen and Reservists who have retired but are not yet drawing their retirement ("grey area" retirees). The passage of the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act allows AFJROTC to tap into the large pool of highly trained and motivated Guardsmen and Reservists.

"We are looking for retired Guard/Reserve officers and NCOs who want to continue serving their communities by teaching the next generation of leaders," said Col. Richard J. Ragaller, director of Air Force Junior ROTC at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

AFJROTC currently has over 50 officer and over 30 NCO instructor positions open at locations across the U.S. There are 869 units worldwide and 10 new units will open up for the next school year. Over 101,000

students are enrolled in AFJROTC.

"It's exciting to have the chance to add these outstanding Airmen to the AFJROTC family," he said. "I don't think there can be any more rewarding career than 'Building better citizens for America.'"

"As instructors they exemplify the Air Force's core values and set the highest standards of conduct and appearance for themselves and their students," he said.

Traditional Guard and Reserve applicants must have retired within the past five years or less with 20 "good years" of service and possess a DD Form 214/NGB Form 22, ANG/USAFR Point Credit Summary and retire with at least 3600 retirement points. For more information about Guard/Reserve requirements, go to <http://www.afots.af.mil/AFJROTC/grayarea.asp>.

Officers must have a bachelor's degree or higher and NCOs must have a minimum of high school diploma and must obtain an associate's degree within five years of employment. Additional education degrees and teacher certification are an advantage and may be required by some school districts.

Instructors wear the Air Force uniform and must meet the Air Force appearance and weight/body fat standards. They must also have high standards of military bearing and moral character.

AFJROTC provides TDY funding for new instructors to complete Air University's two-week Aerospace Science Instructor Course at Maxwell AFB prior to receiving certification for instructor duty. The course includes training on instructor performance, standards and accountability as

representatives of the Air Force; learning theory; communication skills; teaching methods; lesson planning and student evaluation.

The mission of Air Force Junior ROTC is "Building better citizens for America." The Air Force core values provide the basis for the program. The curriculum provides cadets with leadership opportunities, life skills education, team-building experiences, character education and academic studies. AFJROTC provides its students with the tools for success after high school.

For more information about instructor opportunities, call toll free 866.235.7682, ext. 35112 or 32535 or DSN is 493.5112 or 2535. You can also go to <http://www.afots.af.mil/AFJROTC/instructors.asp> for complete instructor requirements and application information.

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integrated operationally. Truly, we have soared past the original Truman and Total Force flight plans and have now reached new horizons in positing a viable force for the 21st century spectrum of threats that is capable of refocusing, reconstituting and recapitalizing without exhausting its people or resources while staying an operationally engaged Reserve.

One of our responsibilities as unrivaled wingmen is that we cannot be Airmen just part of the time. To meet future requirements, we will continue to build and sustain this viable force of an operationally engaged Reserve, a force in use every day. Now celebrating our 60th anniversary, we are more than ever essential to the Air Force's ability to fly, fight and win. (Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)



### Sweet support for the troops

Staff Sgt. Michael Stinemetze, Jr., 301st Security Forces Squadron fire team member, gets a show of support from one of the Fort Worth Circle T Council's Daisy scouts from Troop 3377. Nearly a baker's dozen of Daisies, Brownies and Girl Scouts from this troop brought in cookies donated to 301st Fighter Wing troops stationed at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Carswell Field, Texas. There were over four cases donated. (U. S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey)





## Letters from Iraq

"Everyone I talked to seems to be in good spirits; they like their jobs and they are motivated to be here. Even after three months, I am learning new things every day. We are also getting ready for a change of command at the end of April. Our chief is doing a great job as the group superintendent and should be returning in a few more weeks; a lot of our personnel are making outstanding contributions as well. I hope everything is going well back at the 301st. Due to different shifts and work schedule, the whole unit can't get together, but here's a picture where some of the troops got together for a photo about a month ago." -- **Capt. Brian**, deployed 301st Security Forces Squadron commander (Only rank and first names of deployed members are used for OPSEC reasons.)

## PROMOTIONS and NEWCOMERS

### Promotions

#### 810 CEF

Chief Master Sgt. Theodore J. Hodgkiss

#### 301 AMXS

Airman Michael S. Jones

Staff Sgt. Anthony Delarosa

Master Sgt. David W. Godi

Master Robert C. Staley

#### 301 CES

Staff Sgt. Matthew P. Duckett

#### 301 MXS

Staff Sgt. Yavon J. Leggs

#### 301 LRS

Staff Sgt. Marcela McVicker

Tech. Sgt. Richard A. Andrews

#### 301 MOF

Staff Sgt. Elecia M. Shearer

Master Sgt. Kimberlyn A. Proctor

#### 301 CF

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gingrich

#### 301 AMDS

Master Sgt. Roger G. Lee

#### 301 FW

Master Sgt. Michael Smigielski

### Reenlistments

#### 301 AMXS

Master Sgt. Charles Yaws

#### 301 MXS

Senior Airman Gregory Tanner

Tech. Sgt. Mickey Cyrus

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Garcia

Tech. Sgt. Michael Grace

#### 301 MXG

Staff Sgt. Jaime Rodriguez

#### 610 SFS

Staff Sgt. Melissa Abrew

Staff Sgt. Staci Hoffman

Tech. Sgt. Arturo Maldonado

Master Sgt. Mark Crockett

Senior Master Sgt. Mary Webb

#### 810 CES

Master Sgt. Keith Guess

#### 301 LRS

Staff Sgt. Vincent Hedrick

#### 301 CF

Tech. Sgt. David Solis

#### 610 RSG

Master Sgt. Joseph York

Senior Master Sgt. Lucy Wyatt

#### 301 AMDS

Chief Master Sgt. Joanne Avanti

#### 701 MDS

Tech. Sgt. Dagoverto Aguilar

Tech. Sgt. Angela Anderson

Tech. Sgt. Michael Mirelez